

CLATSOP COUNTY'S ROAD SITUATION

PEOPLE WANT STATE
TO FINISH THE JOB
IT STARTED.

ROAD MATTERS IN CHAOTIC SHAPE

Newspaper Comment on the
Situation Shows Condi-
tion of Affairs.

The Morning Astorian, reviewing the recent history of road-building in Clatsop County, reaches the conclusion that it is the duty of the state to come to the rescue and finish the work on the Columbia highway, begun and partly completed under the direction of the State Commission. The topic of the Astorian paper is fashioned as follows: "A year and a half ago, when the bonds were voted, the County Court promised that every penny of the \$200,000 would be spent under the supervision of the State Highway Commission. And so it was. The Commission had the say in road matters in which the road and money was concerned. The Morning Astorian is positive that if the County Court had superintended instead of the state, we would have realized more for our money. After 25 to 30 miles of finished and than 100 miles of unfinished, and now we look to the state to finish what it started. We have every right to do this. It was the State Highway Commission that spent our money over 100 miles of highway, and it seems only just that, when they got us into this fix, they ought to help us out of it by being liberal with whatever funds the state may have for highway building purposes this year."

Whether Clatsop County has a right to demand that the State of Oregon finish the Lower Columbia highway, The Oregonian will not undertake to say. But it is clear enough that there is a purpose in Astoria to hold the state responsible for the present situation. The state has embarked on a policy of limited aid to roads, mainly in the way of supervision and engineering service. What can be done, or should be done, in case of errors or omissions, it is not easy to say without careful inquiry into all the facts. But it is not possible to overlook the fact that Oregon is far behind both California and Washington in road construction, state and county. The depressed condition of the times has not led to any timid alarms that either state was not on the right track in making a permanent investment in roads. Washington is sure that now is the time to build permanent highways, and is doing it; so is California. Only in Oregon we think that a state levy of one-fourth mill is enough. We are to find that it is not enough, and that it is but little better than sheer waste to spend so little.

(The situation in Clatsop county is parallel to that existing in Columbia County. It is very apparent that the light of day is breaking through. The situation has been fully understood here for a long time, as it has been in Clatsop county, but the personal contention has not been so tense there. Before the bonds for Columbia Highway were voted in Clatsop county the County Court was required to pass upon the people of the county that the money should be spent under the supervision and direction of the Highway Commission alone. Ninety per cent of the people of that county today realize their mistake. Throughout the entire length of the county, from Westport to Carnahan station, on Clatsop Plains, there is nothing in the form of a public thoroughfare but a jumble of muck, mud and mismanagement. And worst of all, their money is all gone. The contention of the Astorian is eminently just. Something must be done. We will not undertake to say that the state should complete these roads. However, they must be completed. In Columbia county about one-third of a million dollars have been spent, and in Clatsop county nearly a half million dollars have been used for highway purposes. When our worthy contemporary, the Astorian, said: "Better thirty miles of completed highway than 100 miles of nothing," it told the story just as others are reading it. Certainly, the problem is going to be solved and the situation relieved, but how and by whom remains to be seen.—Editor.)

The Jetty at Nehalem is complete for about 1,200 feet and is already having a marked effect upon the channel. Rock is now being dumped into about 20 feet of water.

SCHOOL TEACHERS BEING ENCOURAGED

Superintendent Sends Out List
Of Useful Hints and Aids.

County School Superintendent Allen this week mailed to the many teachers of public schools in this county the following very appropriate suggestions and aids to teachers. The instructions contain many splendid ideas, and their adoption will aid wonderfully in the betterment of the system:

St. Helens, Ore., March 1, 1915.

"Dear Teachers:—Business men are demanding better results from our public schools in (1) spelling, (2) writing, (3) quick and accurate calculating, and (4) neat commercial letter writing. Observation of our eighth grade manuscripts thoroughly justifies this demand. Generally the writing is poor, the language ungrammatical, the spelling bad, and the capitalization, punctuation, and lack of neatness is far from creditable.

"Please recognize the importance of these subjects. You must have a standard and hold your pupils to this standard if you expect results. You will get from your pupils only what you positively demand. The thorough, pains-taking teacher, with an eye to the little details that make perfection, usually gets good work. She who accepts slovenly work, subjects half learned, half guessed, written work hastily scribbled, with little regard to spelling, capitalization, or neatness, invariably gets that kind of work. One is teaching habits that will educate, the other is teaching inefficiency and carelessness.

"Spelling, writing and neatness are all-day subjects. Teach them continuously. Accept only the pupils' very best and be insistent. In writing, teach Palmer, not only during your writing period but all day. Compel your pupils to master it if no other way.

"In your letter writing, get a letter heading from a business college and teach it precisely, definitely, exactly. Have a standard and insist on it. Letter writing is so vital and yet it is scarcely taught at all in this county.

"Time is such a vital element and is so lavishly wasted in so many ways that I wish to call your attention to a few of the worst time killers which should be avoided: Whispering, borrowing, lending, pencil sharpening, leaving seat, (except for recitation only) getting drinks, (get your drink at recess, that is what recess is for) "sitting together" (under no circumstances) etc. Work at its best means every pupil in his own seat attending to his own business in the most quiet manner, unless he should be called upon to recite. Most of the so-called personal liberties are only time killers. When your pupils are fooling around the room on some pretended excuse he is wasting his own time and the time of all other pupils who are watching him. He should get whatever he needs at recess. That is what recess is for.

If you are going to plant any trees or shrubs, plant them very soon. Do not wait till Arbor Day, as it is too late.

"Urge your pupils to make individual gardens and prepare an exhibit for the Fair this fall.

"Please do not forget your County Record Cards and send them in with your annual report. See that your library order is sent to this office soon.

"Sincerely, J. W. ALLEN,
County School Superintendent."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following deeds were filed with the County Clerk for record this week, up to noon of Thursday:

L. L. Levings and wife to Clatskanie Transportation Co., tract of land in Delta Garden Tracts, Clatskanie; \$5.

Clatskanie Development Co. to John Norgren, lots 10, 11 and 12, block 9, Clatskanie Junction; \$10.

R. R. Giltner et al. to Scandinavian-American Realty Co., w 1/4 of nw 1/4, section 30, tp. 5, north of range 1 west; \$10.

W. D. Baker, Peter Bergerson and C. W. Throop to C. A. Peterson and wife, one acre in section 35, tp. 4, north of range 5 west; \$125.

I. D. Wonderly et al. to O. E. Wonderly, tract of land in section 17, tp. 7, north of range 3 west, 110 acres; \$100.

G. A. Robinson and wife to Godfrey Robinson, tract of land in section 2, tp. 6, north of range 3 west, five acres; \$90.

Thos. C. Timoney to Thos. H. Timoney and John Timoney, n 1/2 of sw 1/4 section 27, tp. 7, north of range 2 west; \$1.

Joseph Rosser et ux. to Thos. Rosser, s 1/2 of sw 1/4, section 29, tp. 7 north of range 2 west; \$1.

Jake Rosser et ux. to Joseph Rosser, sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, section 29, tp. 7, north of range 2 west; \$1.

Thos. Rosser to Joseph Rosser, n 1/2 of sw 1/4, section 29, tp. 7, north of range 2 west; \$1.

TRENHOLM.

Floyd McAlloy was here last Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Lamberson left Tuesday for a visit to Portland.

Mrs. John McAllister has been visiting in Astoria recently.

William Woerner left on Tuesday on a business trip to Portland.

Miss Gladys Fredenburg is visiting friends in Houston for a few days.

John Jackson has returned to Astoria, after spending the winter here with his sister, Mrs. John McAllister.

Mrs. Henry McAllister is visiting her sister, Mrs. Brown, in Portland, for a week.

The many friends of Mrs. Bringle are pleased to learn of her recovery from a serious operation at a Portland hospital.

Construction work on the new hall is progressing nicely, and it will soon be ready to open to the public.

YANKTON.

Mr. Walker's sister is visiting at his home.

William Moyer and family are contemplating moving to Salem, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, who have been indisposed for some time, are improving in health.

Rev. A. J. Hollingsworth, of Portland, spent last Sunday visiting at the home of Rudolph Kappeler.

Mrs. Carl Olsen was called to her home in Iowa by the serious illness of her mother, who is not expected to live very long.

Mr. Stevens has returned home for a short time. He has his bees in Southern Oregon, where they are making more money than was the case here.

Rev. Nation, of the Baptist church, will preach his farewell sermon in the Yankton church on Sunday next. Services will be held at 11 o'clock and 7 o'clock. He has endeared himself to the people of this neighborhood by his kind and sympathetic nature and christian character. He is leaving in quest of health, which his friends hope he will find.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, at the Court House, at St. Helens, Oregon, until 10:00 a. m., March 20th, 1915, and then opened for the following road improvements in Road District No. 7, Columbia County, Oregon.

Division No. 1, specification 1, grading, draining and graveling; specifications 2 and 3, graveling; specification 4, graveling; specifications 5 and 6, graveling; specification 7, graveling; specifications 8, graveling; specification 9, graveling; specifications 10, 11, 12, 13, graveling; specification 14, graveling; specification 15, clearing, grubbing, grading and graveling; specification 16, grading and graveling; specification 18, graveling; specification 19, graveling; specification 20, graveling.

Division No. 2, specifications 1 and 2, graveling; specification 3, clearing, grubbing, grading, draining and graveling; specification 4, graveling; specification 5, clearing, grubbing, grading, draining, grading and graveling.

Division No. 3, specification 1, graveling; specification 2, graveling; specification A-A, graveling; specification B-B, graveling; specification C-C, graveling, specification D-D, graveling; specification E-E, graveling; specification F-F, graveling; specification G-H, grading, draining and graveling; specification I-I, graveling.

Division No. 1 includes the road down the river from Vernonia.

Division No. 2 includes the Rock and Crooked Creek roads.

Division No. 3 includes the roads up the river from Vernonia.

Plans and specifications are on file and may be examined in the office of the County Clerk and are also on file with Judson Weed, County Commissioner, at Vernonia. Each bidder shall deposit with his bid a certified check for five per cent of the amount of his bid, which shall be forfeited to the county in case the award is made to him and he shall fail, neglect or refuse for a period of five days after such award is made to enter into a contract and file the required bond.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

A. F. BARNETT,
County Clerk.
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon,
March 4th, 1915.

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